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I am a Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer in Orlando, Florida.

I looked into the possibility of our local school system, Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) receiving software in schools where 70% or more of the students participate in the school lunch program.

My concern is that donation of software which can be used as clients does not trigger additional (Microsoft) licensing fees. Specifically, I am concerned about a licensing fee known as "Client Access Licenses (CAL)" that might be required if a new computer at a disadvantaged school accesses a centralized server at school board headquarters for file and print sharing (MS Windows 2000 Server) e-mail (MS Exchange), database (MS SQL Server) or thin client (MS Terminal Services).

I would like to see Microsoft CALs explicitly included in the software donation. I would hate to see "free" or low cost computers costing the school system thousands or dollars in CAL fees or alternatively, disadvantaged schools missing out on the benefits of centralized school board services.

As to the larger question of the suitability of the entire remedy; that depends on what specifically was alleged in court and proven in court. In theory, I could support a drastic structural remedy based on what I have read in the trade press over they decades. As a practical matter most of what was alleged over the years in the trade press; was not alleged, let alone proven, in court.

Therefore, I will try to do the best that I can for our local schools -- even through my impression is that the antitrust suit as a whole was a fiasco on all sides.

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